

and interests in which we are interested. In other words, that we really build up as part and parcel of organized medicine a plan of procedure in political matters which will adequately and successfully protect those legitimate rights, which we, as members of a learned profession, doing no end of altruistic service for our lay fellows, have a right to expect to see properly protected.

To do this is neither debauchery or treason of our own code of ethics or principles, but is just plain every-day common sense, and is a much wiser course of procedure than presenting the spectacle of letting the ill be done and then all of us running about much after the fashion of chickens which have had their heads cut off.

So that as part and parcel of this talk on organized medicine, we make a plea for a far more active and practical activity than we have been manifesting in the last several years, believing first that we are fully justified in so acting; and second, holding that our fellow members who elect certain of us to office as councilors and so on to act for them, have a just right to expect us to use that judgment and action, which it is understood we possess, when we consent to permit our names to be considered as officers in our medical societies.

In conclusion, permit me to state that I appreciate that this address may be somewhat unsatisfactory from the scientific standpoint, but that I, nevertheless, feel that you may well give a half or one hour or so of serious consideration to some of these problems which are so intimately connected with your daily lives and your future careers, and which problems, if not adequately considered, may make your professional careers much less pleasant for you. Of course, a goodly number of members of our society who are firmly entrenched in professional life, with large numbers of well-to-do clients, can go on their way without bothering about these matters. But there is a much larger number of lesser paid colleagues, both old and young in years, who may be vitally involved in these matters, and it is for the interests of these colleagues that we would especially plead.

My plea is then for a more earnest recognition of the many problems which face our organization, and for a call for members who will try to solve them in such earnest and successful fashion that while we are so engaged, the purely scientific, the social and the professional phases of our work shall each in their proper spheres, go on to highest and fullest realization. And this I am firmly convinced can be all brought to pass, if we only go about our work, in right fashion.

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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA CORONADO, APRIL 17th.

First Session.

Roll Call:

The roll being called, sixty (60) Delegates were found to be present, and the president, Geo. H. Kress in the chair, declared that there was a quorum of Delegates and that the House was ready for business.

Report of President:

The report of the president was made verbally, and merely referred to his annual address which had already been read. He then appointed the following members to act as a Committee on New Business and Reports: W. R. Molony, Los Angeles; Geo. G. Reinle, Oakland; Gale G. Moseley, Redlands.

The Chairman of the Council, Dr. Kenyon, then read a report from the Council, which was referred to the Committee on New Business.

In explanation of certain phases of Medical Defense, the General Attorney, Mr. Hartley F. Peart, was called upon. He made a verbal report, a resume of which was ordered by the President to be referred to the above committee, and later to appear in the Journal.

Report of Auditing Committee:

Was read by H. A. L. Ryfkogel, with an explanation and elucidation of our financial status, including certain recommendations as to increase of State dues. This was referred to the Committee on New Business.

Treasurer's Report:

Being the Union Trust Company, San Francisco, no report. \$13,052.52 in bank.

Report of the Publication Committee:

A report from the Publication Committee was read by René Bine. Referred to the same committee.

Report of Secretary:

Temporary Secretary made a verbal report as to membership, office work—being summary of a written report. Referred to Committee on New Business.

Special Committees:

C. P. Thomas read a report on Industrial Accident Insurance. This report was referred to the Committee on New Business.

Advertising Committee:

R. E. Bering made a verbal report as a Committee on Advertising and pleaded for greater co-operation on the part of members in giving patronage and assistance in this matter.

Publication Committee:

René Bine read a report on the Publication Committee which was referred to the Committee on New Business.

New Business:

The following resolution was read by J. H. Graves concerning Industrial Accident Insurance. It was moved by H. Bert Ellis, seconded by A. B. Grosse, that no action be taken in this matter until it had been referred to the Committee on New Business. Voted and carried.

Graves' Resolution No. 1.

Whereas, There is pending before the State Legislature an act to enable further study of the Health Insurance problem with a view to providing for the State of California a compulsory Health Insurance for wage workers; and

Whereas, The successful operation of Health Insurance laws, where in force in other parts of the world has not been a marked success in accomplishing that for which they were intended; and

Whereas, The State of California has so recently

embarked upon the enactment of Social Insurance laws in the shape of Industrial Accident Insurance, which it has not yet had sufficient opportunity to learn the efficacy and even the full use thereof (witness the pending act before the Legislature which changes some features and readjusts the whole working of that law); be it

Resolved, By the Medical Society of the State of California, that such Health Insurance will quite possibly one day become highly desirable, and that for the present it is best to withhold legislation until such time as experience has proved the worth of Social Insurance as we now have it, and the social affairs of our country have become again normal.

A Supplementary Report and discussion of State Compensation Bill No. 818 was made by Geo. E. Tucker, followed by a discussion by F. F. Gundrum and Ferdinand Stabel.

The meeting was adjourned to 8 o'clock p. m. Wednesday.

Second Session.

CORONADO, April 18th, 8 p. m., 1917.

The meeting was called to order with Geo. H. Kress in the chair.

Roll Call:

Upon calling the roll there were eighty-seven (87) Delegates present.

Election of Officers:

President:

J. Henry Barbat, San Francisco, was nominated by O. D. Hamlin, seconded by A. B. Grosse. There being no other nominees, on motion, duly seconded, the nominations were closed, and Secretary instructed to cast the ballot. J. Henry Barbat was duly elected.

There was no contest in the election of any of the following officers, and in each case the motion prevailed unanimously. The nominations were closed and the Secretary ordered to cast the ballot, with the exception of the election of the Secretary, in which case the President cast the ballot:

First Vice-President:

W. W. Richardson, Los Angeles.

Second Vice-President:

Morton R. Gibbons, San Francisco.

Secretary:

Saxton Pope, San Francisco.

Councillors:

Fifth District: P. T. Phillips, Santa Cruz.

Seventh District: E. N. Ewer, Oakland.

Ninth District: A. W. Hoisholt, Napa.

At Large: René Bine, San Francisco.

Three New Councillors at Large:

Geo. H. Kress, Los Angeles.

Jno. C. Yates, San Diego.

Gayle G. Moseley, Redlands.

Committee on Scientific Program:

Walter V. Brem, Los Angeles.

Committee on Public Policy:

W. R. Molony, Los Angeles.

Walter B. Coffey, San Francisco.

Committee on Arrangements:

Three to be appointed by the Council.

Committee on Public Health:

Geo. E. Ebright, San Francisco.

J. L. Pomeroy, Monrovia.

W. W. Roblee, Riverside.

W. H. Irwin, Oakland.

A. B. Cooke, Los Angeles.

Delegates to the A. M. A.:

A. B. Spalding, San Francisco.

H. P. Newman, San Diego.

Alternates to the A. M. A.:

Edward Clarence Moore, Los Angeles.

H. A. L. Ryfkogel, San Francisco.

Mary R. Butin, Madera.

A. H. Byars, San Diego.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL.

Mr. President and Honorable Members of the House of Delegates:

Gentlemen:

The Medical Society year, of which this meeting is the closing epoch, has been one of unusual events. The loss of the Secretary and Editor, and two members of the legal staff, and the extra work involved in forming and adopting the necessary rules and regulations for the Defense and Indemnity funds, called for an unusual amount of work. Hence the number of meetings of the Council has exceeded that of any previous year.

The Council was established and began its work with all the functions of this great body undeveloped. We had the invaluable aid of our late Secretary in working out the various units: the Register, the Journal, the Information Bureau, the Defense Fund and the Indemnity Fund.

Having experienced the distinction of being chairman of the Council since the beginning—enjoyed the successes and fretted over temporary defeats and obstacles—I can at this time call your attention to the present status of our organization with a degree of pleasure.

The functions above mentioned are the fruits of the work of the Council.

The Official Register speaks for itself, and has been most valuable to the membership.

The Journal is also before you. It is a credit to this Society. The California State Journal of Medicine compares favorably with the best state journals. Here we must render tribute to our late Editor and Secretary, who was two years in the lead of the Journal of the American Medical Association in the fight against impure drugs, and quack exploitation of the same, as proprietary and patent cure-alls.

The Information Bureau: The files of this unit afford ready reference to the standing of members of this organization and of other medical men throughout the State.

The Defense Fund: The fourth unit in the list of functions handled by the Council has taken more time and required more attention than any other. Our Mr. Peart, chief of the Legal Department, has assisted the Council in establishing rules and regulations much more comprehensive than those at our command heretofore.

The Indemnity Fund: Available to the members that have contributed \$15.00 per annum for two years, completes the units. This provides insurance at lower rates than are offered by any insurance company. This fund is to be placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees, elected by the Council. When this is better understood by the membership, it is hoped it may grow to a much larger sum. Our Mr. Peart suggests \$50,000 or higher. He is present, and your Council would be pleased to have him allowed an opportunity to address the House of Delegates, more fully explaining the benefits of this fund, the rules adopted to safeguard it, and its management by the Board of Trustees.

The books have been examined and certified as correct.

A new improved system of bookkeeping has been established.

The funds on hand April 1, 1917, \$13,052.00. Of this amount \$5610.00 belongs to the Indemnity Fund. Actual amount \$7442.00.

At the last meeting of the Medical Society of the State of California, Dr. Sherman, in his presidential address, made certain suggestions that are of the utmost value to the future of the organization.

These in brief were that the Medical Society of the State of California should undertake the standardization and certification of the physicians of the State. And secondly, that the State So-